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ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND DEVICES COMPRISING THEM

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the following preliminary amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.